Admission Requirements
Applicants seeking admission to the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) program are required to submit the following to the Graduate School:

1. An application for graduate admission
2. Official copies of transcripts of all college work (undergraduate and graduate). An undergraduate grade average of “B” or better is required.
3. Official scores on the Miller Analogies Test or Graduate Record Exam
4. It is recommended that you take the Licensure Area Content tests (Praxis II) prior to enrollment in the MAT Program.

Registration information, test administration dates, and test locations are available at www.ets.org/praxis/ Passing scores on Praxis II and PLT will be a requirement for completion of program and teacher certification.

Applicants who are interested in teaching but who do not have an undergraduate degree in one of the areas in which we offer licensure (Math, English, History and Science) must meet with a content advisor. Advisors review transcripts and identify required coursework for consideration for admission. See Faculty & Staff link on the website for advisor contact information.

Once admitted to the program candidates are assigned a content advisor who reviews their transcripts and helps with planning program coursework. In content areas in which NC only offers a comprehensive license, candidates are recommended to submit passing Praxis II content scores in their major teaching area.

Application Deadlines
October 15th for spring admission (early) and April 15th for summer admission.

Scholarship Opportunities & Financial Aid

Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid (OSFA)
http://www.uncw.edu/scholarships/index.html

STAR (Scholarship Team in Action to Recruit) Scholarship Program
http://www.uncw.edu/ed/star/

Assistantship
Graduate Assistantships are available and are awarded on a competitive basis each academic year.

For more information, please contact:
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The Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program in the Watson College of Education offers an exciting opportunity for students with an undergraduate degree in Math, Science, History and English who are seeking a secondary teaching license. Housed within the state-of-the-art Education Building, students are trained to develop, mold, and apply learned skills to be successful in today’s globally competitive, diverse high school classrooms. With the use of research and technology, the MAT program prepares future teachers to create innovative and interactive learning environments meeting the needs of today’s high school students. As part of course requirements, students are given the chance to work closely with area high school educators who are leading the way with progressive and new educational programs such as small learning communities and early college programs. The MAT program facilitates the necessary skill building for students to pursue their passion for teaching and become a teacher leader in today’s public schools.

Program Design

Summer (9 hours)
- SEC 510 – Diverse Learners and Special Needs (3 Hours)
- SEC 520 – Instructional Design, Technology, and Leadership (3 Hours)
- University Content (3 Hours)*

Fall (12 hours)
- SEC 500 – Field Experience in Secondary Schools (3 Hours)
- SEC 503-7 – Advanced Theory and Practice in Teaching Secondary Methods (3 Hours)
- SEC 528 – Secondary School Organization (3 Hours)
- University Content (3 Hours)*

Spring (12 hours)
- SEC 509 – Internship in Secondary Schools (6 Hours)
- SEC 511 – ESL Concepts for Secondary Teachers (3 Hours)
- SEC 521 – Seminar on Teaching, Learning, and Leadership (3 Hours)

* Ideally, university content courses will be completed during the initial Summer and Fall semesters. However, content courses can be completed during the second Summer semester.

Degree Requirements

The program is designed to develop highly competent and caring professionals to serve in educational leadership roles. The program is designed around the following five core principles:

- One Year ‘apprenticeship’ in secondary classrooms preparing teacher candidates to teach in both large, traditional high school settings and small learning communities, such as Freshman Academies and Early Colleges.
- An emphasis on broad issues of diversity, including the development of culturally responsive pedagogy, serving students with special needs, and teaching English Language Learners.
- A focus on strong content preparation, effective curriculum design, and leadership training and development.
- ‘Cohort’ model that builds on the value of group support and reflection through shared and meaningful interdisciplinary experiences.
- Global connections to the high school curriculum and overall secondary experience.

The 33-semester hours program is comprised of 27 semester hours in professional education competency areas and 6 hours in the academic specialization. The M.A.T. in Secondary Education is offered in the following specialties: English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.